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## FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 2, 2017/2018

### UHL2612 – HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

(All Sections / Groups)

17 MARCH 2018

Reading Time : 9.00am – 9.15am.

(15 Minutes)

Answering Time: 9.15am – 12.15pm.

(3 Hours)

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. Students will have **fifteen minutes** during which they may read the paper and make rough notes **ONLY** in their question paper. Students then have the remaining **THREE HOURS** in which to answer the questions.
2. This Question paper consists of 2 pages with 5 Questions only.
3. Attempt **FOUR** out of FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.
4. Students are not allowed to bring in any statute into the Examination Hall.
5. Please write all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

**Instruction:** Answer **FOUR** questions only.

### QUESTION 1

*"Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."*

(Article 19, Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR))

Analyse the freedom of expression in Malaysia by making reference to legislations, cases and the concept of universalism.

(25 marks)

### QUESTION 2

Critically discuss the elements required to constitute genocide and give examples of genocide from various other jurisdictions.

(25 marks)

### QUESTION 3

Anna is a 31 year old female woman who works in a hotel. After 7 months of service, she received a notice of termination from her employer. The hotel decided to terminate her because she was pregnant and that she would not look presentable in her attire. Upset, Anna spoke to a representative from Women's Aid Organisation (WAO). The representative from WAO then sought for your advise on this matter.

Critically advise the representative from WAO on the progress of women in Malaysia after the inception of The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) by making reference to cases and suggest ways to improve laws on discrimination against women in Malaysia.

(25 marks)

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**QUESTION 4**

Explain the issues concerning children in Malaysia and analyse the reservations Malaysia made under the Convention on The Rights of The Child (CRC).

(25 marks)

**QUESTION 5**

*"Theories of human rights over the past half-century have broadly appeared to perpetuate a rigid dichotomy between a universalistic conception of human rights and a relativistic approach. The former so-called "Western" model has been accused of advocating an individualistic approach to rights that prioritises the individual's rights against society; by contrast, the "Asian values" approach emphasises social stability, privileging community and duties over the rights of the individual."*

(Yvonne Tew, 2012, Beyond "Asian Values": Rethinking Rights)

Analyse the above and make reference to situations in various countries.

(25 marks)

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